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(Echo staff photos by Richard Meek)

Festival weekend

The Fourth of July weekend is traditionally one of the busiest in Hancock County.

The lineup includes parades, festivals, firework displays and a flag ceremony.

—**Casino Magic Fireworks and Music** - The fireworks presentation is scheduled at dusk today on the west side of the casino. Following the 20-minute display, Gary Puckett will perform on the casino's stage in the main lobby at 9 and 11:30 p.m. Admission is free.

—**Crab Festival** - Our Lady of the Gulf's popular festival, shown at left, is scheduled to open tomorrow and run through Sunday. Daily hours are 10 a.m.-10 p.m. The festival, celebrating its 13th year, will feature food, entertainment and a variety of rides.

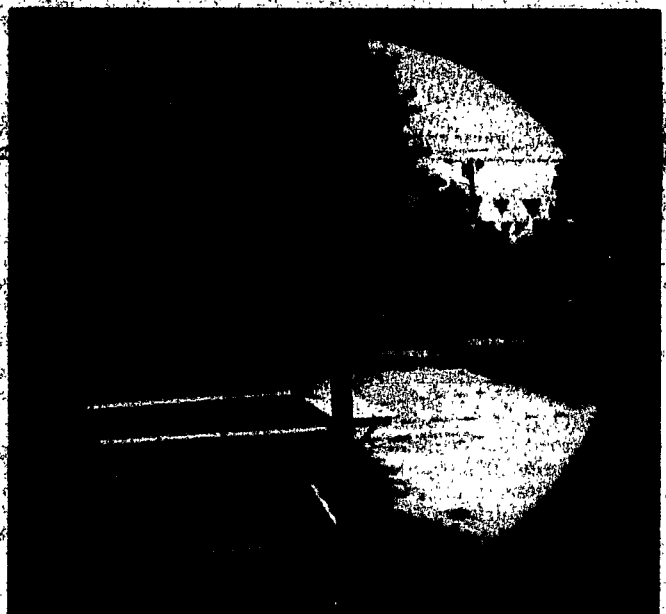
—**St. Rose Festival** - St. Rose's 71st annual event, shown below, is scheduled Friday through Sunday on the church grounds. The fair will feature softball games, a horseshoe throwing tournament, horseback rides and a silent auction. Entertainment is also scheduled. The fair opens at 5 p.m. Friday and at 11 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

—**Flag raising** - A flag raising is scheduled for Friday at 9 a.m. at the Hancock County Walking Track. A 15'x30' flag will be raised and flown during the holiday weekend.

—**49th Annual Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo** - The rodeo is scheduled today through Sunday and will be headquartered in Gulfport at the Rice Pavilion. It is billed as "The World's Largest" fishing rodeo.

—**Diamondhead Boat Parade** - The parade is scheduled Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Diamondhead Yacht Club Marina.

—**Garden Isle Parade** - The Garden Island Community Association's annual boat parade is scheduled for noon on Saturday. The parade travels through Garden Island. Entry forms may be obtained at the Jourdan River Marina.



TIDES

Sat.	12:09 p.	12:47 p.
Sun.	1:23 p.	12:18 a.
Mon.	1:56 p.	12:51 a.
Tues.	2:25 p.	1:19 a.
Wed.	2:42 p.	1:36 a.
Thur.	2:57 p.	1:37 a.

Landfill focus of public meeting

BY ED LEPOMA

A public meeting is brewing to reach a consensus on where is the best place to locate a future landfill in the vast buffer zone that surrounds the giant Stennis Space Center.

The suggestion was made

yesterday in a special meeting of the three-member Hancock County Waste District.

Chairman Les Fillingame said the District has "proposals from several parties" who own land in the buffer zone and are interested in operating a sani-

tary landfill or a combination landfill/rubbish site.

If a site is settled on, the county would need to amend its 20-year Solid Waste Plan on file with the state Department of Environmental Quality. Any change to the plan would re-

quire a public hearing.

"Rather than try to develop the plan ourselves, we need a public forum to get a feeling as to what might be the best direction to go," said Fillingame.

Fillingame said he wanted

an "open forum" with participation by the District, the county planning commission and the Board of Supervisors.

"Let's get it out in the open...And, the sooner, the bet-

LANDFILL—PAGE 5A

County named for revolutionary leader

BY BETSY GAGNET

On the Fourth of July, with firecrackers popping in celebration of America's independence, it is interesting to note that Hancock County was named for one of the most well known signers of the Declaration of Independence, John Hancock.

Hancock County was formed in 1812 when Mississippi was not yet a state. The county then included all of the lands later assigned to Hancock, Harrison, Pearl (later Pearl River) and Stone counties.

At the time, all of present day Mississippi and Alabama were part of the Mississippi Territory under Governor David Holmes, and James Ma-

dison was the President of the United States.

Mississippi became a state in December, 1817 and the next month the first act of the Mississippi Legislature was the incorporation of the city of Shieldsboro. (Shieldsboro became Bay St. Louis by a legislative act in 1875.)

Shieldsboro was named for U.S. Navy Admiral Thomas Shields, who received a land grant in 1789. His home was located at the site of the old Mauffray's Hardware on Beach Boulevard.

The following were some of the early settlements of the county:

Ansley was established as a flag stop on the L&N Railroad, and named for the roadmaster

of the railroad, Emmett Ansley. It was located 10 miles west of Bay St. Louis.

Catahoula was a rural district in the central part of the county on a tributary of the Jourdan River, which once boasted a grammar school with three teachers.

Grand Plains, located 23 miles west of Bay St. Louis, was settled by John B. Saucier in 1712. In 1870 it became Claiborne, named for J.F.H. Claiborne, who owned a plantation on Mulatto Bayou.

Clermont Harbor was also a flag stop on the L&N Railroad and had a post office and small factory which made building supplies. It became popular as a

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National winner

Leroy Lee, right, of Kiln, finished second place nationally in the 1997 Skills U.S.A. Sheet Metal Championships. The event was held recently in Kansas City, Mo. Approximately 3,500 vocational students competed. The event was sponsored by the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA). Lee, a recent graduate of Hancock High School, was accompanied on the trip by Reggie Ladner, metal trades instructor. (Echo staff photo by Randy Ponder)

OBITUARY

SKYE N. CARTWRIGHT
REGINA N. CURET
LILLIAN E. DEWITT
WILLIAM KNIGHT
LEROY LEE
REV. WILLIAM OLIVER, SVD
CLARENCE L. SLOANE
CLARENCE T. SMITH
VICTORIA N. WOOD

SKYE N. CARTWRIGHT
 Infant Skye Nichol Cartwright, 5 months old, of Waveland, died Thursday, June 20, 1997, in Waveland.

Survivors include her mother, Carmel Cartwright of Waveland; grandparents, Joan Stallinger of Aberdeen, Wash., James Cartwright of Cumberland, Md., Randall Cuevas of Saucier and Karen Ladner of Gulfport; great-grandparents Joan Grapes of Cumberland, Md., Sherman Ladner of Gulfport, Alvis Ladner of Gulfport, and Paul and Johanna Brown of Old Town, Md.; and great-great-grandparents Evelyn Shippey of Cumberland, Md. and Norma Cartwright of Cumberland.

Graveside services will be conducted today at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Cemetery at Rotten Bayou.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

REGINA N. CURET
 Mrs. Regina N. Curet, 93, of Kiln, died Sunday, June 29, 1997, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Curet was a native and lifelong resident of Hancock County. She was a Catholic and retired as a teacher from St. Joseph Academy.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Camille Curet and Lamar U. Negroto.

Survivors include a daughter, Regina T. Shaw of Phoenix, Ariz.; three grandchil-

dren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Tuesday at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Burial was in Bayou Coco Cemetery.

LILLIAN E. DEWITT
 Mrs. Lillian E. DeWitt, 65, of Pass Christian, died Monday, June 30, 1997, in Gulfport.

Mrs. DeWitt was a native of Bay St. Louis and a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Pineville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred DeWitt Sr., and a son, Robert Francis DeWitt; and her parents.

Survivors include two sons, Fred DeWitt Jr. of Pass Christian and Harold J. DeWitt of Las Vegas; a daughter, Dorothy D. Niolet of Pass Christian; 15 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Wednesday at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Pineville. Burial was in Live Oak Cemetery in Pass Christian.

The family prefers memorials to Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church or to one's favorite charity.

Riemann Funeral Home in Pass Christian was in charge of arrangements.

WILLIAM KNIGHT
 William Knight, 87, of Bay St. Louis, died July 1, 1997, in Bay St. Louis.

Arrangements are incomplete at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

LEROY LEE
 Leroy Lee, 65, of Picayune, died Tuesday, June 24, 1997, in Picayune.

Mr. Lee was a Catholic and retired.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ludie Lee and So-

nia Lee.

Survivors include a brother, Leon Lee of Gulfport; and two sisters, Myrtle Quinn of Gretna, La., and Mary L. Wood of Commerce, Ga.

Services will be conducted 3 p.m. today at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, where friends may call after 2 p.m. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery at Rotten Bayou.

REV. WILLIAM OLIVER, SVD

Fr. William-Rosal Oliver, SVD, 68, died Saturday, June 28, 1997, in Lafayette, La.

Fr. Oliver was a native of New Orleans, the son of the late Henry Oliver and the former Iola V. Duvernay. He was a member of the Society of the Divine Word.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry Oliver and Iola V. Oliver; and a sister, Thomas Lee.

Fr. Oliver entered the novitiate Sept. 5, 1945, made first profession Sept. 5, 1950, and was ordained May 1, 1953.

For a number of years, Fr. Oliver ministered at Holy Rosary, Lafayette, La.; St. Joseph's in Dumas; St. Joseph's in Broussard; Immaculate Heart of Mary in Lafayette; and St. Joseph's in Maurice.

A Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated 10:30 a.m. today at St. Augustine's in Bay St. Louis. Burial will be in St. Augustine Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

The family prefers donations to Fr. William R. Oliver Scholarship, 201 Ruella Ave., Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

Hartwell's Christian Mortuary in Gulfport is in charge of arrangements.

CLARENCE L. SLOANE
 Clarence Lyman Sloane, 87, of Bay St. Louis, died Monday, June 30, 1997.

Mr. Sloane was a native of Bridge City and a resident of Bay St. Louis for the past 25 years.

He was the husband of the late Levie Eva Barrios Sloane; father of George L. Sloane Sr. of Gulfport; and a son of John and Mary Sloane.

Card of Thanks

Dear Sea Coast Echo:
 Branch 1374 would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your article concerning our recent food drive.

The help letter carriers received from concerned businesses and individuals helped to make this food drive a success.

We collected 60,000 pounds of food that will be given to community food banks.

Once again, thank you for your help.

Sincerely,
 Sharon Stockstill
 Sec. Branch 1374
 Gulfport

Bay St. Louis and Annabel M. at Pearl River, La.; brother of Mary Fisher of Hockley, Ohio. He was preceded in death by other brothers and sisters.

Mr. Sloane is survived by nine grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated in the Chapel of Westside Funeral Home, 5101 West-bak Expressway, Marrero, La. today at 1 p.m., followed by burial in Westlawn Park, Gretna, La.

Visitation is today from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

CLARENCE T. SMITH

Mr. Clarence "Coot" Theodore Smith, 84, of the Crane Creek Community, died Sunday, June 29, 1997, in Hattiesburg.

Mr. Smith was a native of Hancock County and a brother of the late Clarence T. Smith and a sister, Mary Shaw, both of Crane Creek.

Survivors include a son, Alfred Smith, and a sister, Mary Shaw, both of Crane Creek.

Visitation was Tuesday, June 30, 1997, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial was in Crane Creek Cemetery in Hattiesburg. McDonald Funeral Home in Picayune was in charge of arrangements.

VICTORIA N. WOOD
 Infant Victoria Nicole Wood of Saucier died Sunday, June 29, 1997, in Biloxi.

Survivors include her parents, Neil and Shasta Wood of Saucier; her grandparents, John and Susan Olier, Julia Wood and Alice Skinner; and her great-grandmothers, Cecile Olier and Sarah Yarbrough, all of Biloxi.

Correction

Mallory Mestayer Cawfield was not the first graduate of the United States Naval Academy from Hancock County.

VCJ reunion set Saturday

The 1967 class of Valdez C. Jones "High School," Bay St. Louis, will hold a 30th anniversary on Sat., July 5th, 8 p.m. at the VCJ school cafeteria.

Class members can contact Clarence Harris, 467-7043 for further information.

Card of Thanks

I, Bessie LaFontaine, the wife of Rufus, wish to express my deepest appreciation to my relatives and friends for all their love, prayers and support during Rufus LaFontaine's illness and his recent death.

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Highway Patrol utilizes all resources over weekend

The Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol will be utilizing all of its available resources over the Fourth of July weekend to ensure the safety and protection of the motoring public.

Troopers and the Air Operations Division of the MHSP will join enforcement efforts to detect and deter drivers who are driving under the influence, speeding, or driving recklessly. Troopers will also be available to help stranded motorists and to offer any other needed assistance.

"We will have extra radar details and road blocks throughout the state looking for various traffic violations, unsafe vehicles, impaired drivers, felons and any other illegal activity," Col. Tom Ward, MHSP director said. "MHSP aircraft will be used extensively during peak travel times beginning Thursday through Sunday to assist ground operations."

Major traffic arteries throughout the state will have an additional 75 troopers assigned to work "call back" de-

tails. This is a federally funded program that pays troopers to work these details when they would ordinarily be off duty.

Mississippi Highway Patrol Criminal Investigation Bureau personnel will be working throughout the holiday weekend to respond to any criminal activity that occurs on state and federal highways. They will be working jointly with the uniform division and other law enforcement agencies.

The Traveling Criminal Apprehension officers will be utilized in making drug interdiction stops; locating fugitives; illegal aliens, missing and exploited children; stolen automobiles and heavy equipment.

Lt. Col. Marvin Curtis, MHSP assistant director, said, "Drivers with cellular phones who have emergencies should dial *HP (*47) for assistance from the nearest MHSP Troop."

The Fourth of July holiday officially begins at 6 p.m. Thursday and ends at midnight on Sunday.

ST. ANN-ST. JOHN NEWS

Thoughts for meditation:
 Kind words are short to speak, but their echoes are endless.

—Anonymous
 In order to love others with genuine charity, I must be true to them, to myself and to God.

—Thomas Merton
 Experience is the thing that helps us recognize a mistake the second time we make it.

—Anonymous
 God will look to every soul like its first love because God is its first love.

—C. S. Lewis
 The cross is the sign that provokes us to love, to worship, to gratitude, to thanksgiving, to service.

—Father Judge
 I am not concerned whether God is on our side or not, but I am concerned whether we are on God's side.

—Abraham Lincoln
 The things that we love tell what we are.

—St. Thomas Aquinas
 A man is not old until regrets take the place of dreams.

—John Barrymore
 Friendship is the melody and fragrance of life.

—Anonymous

The lots giveaway raffle party is scheduled for Saturday, July 5 in the parish hall. The wine and cheese party will im-

mediately follow St. Ann's 5 p.m. Vigil Mass, about 6 p.m. Everyone, parishioners and friends, who purchased chances are invited and welcome to attend.

The parish CYO fund raiser last Sunday, June 29, gumbo and potato salad luncheon was a huge success. Thanks to the generosity of all who attended and those who worked so many hours to help them attain their goal.

Among the many who volunteered their time and energy were Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre, Tommy Bordage, Pat Toomey and Oliver Sahuque, who cooked the gumbo. Was it good? It was a complete sellout! Work is still in progress on the new catechetical center for children and should be completed shortly.

Any adult non-Catholics wishing to learn about the Catholic faith or join the church, please call the rectory.

Pre-baptismal instructions for parents and godparents are held on the last Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Parents of children to be baptized should be attending Mass on a regular basis.

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Wishing everyone a safe fun-filled holiday.



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Friends foil robbery attempt

BY ED LEPOMA

Friends scared off an armed robber Tuesday night, who approached a man using a pay phone outside the Circle K Store off Hwy. 90 in Waveland, and police and Hancock County Sheriff's deputies caught the suspect shortly after the incident.

Waveland Police Chief James Varnell reported that Robert D. Thomas, 1103 Rue De Lasalle, in Waveland, is being held on charges of attempted armed robbery and exhibiting a weapon. Bond was set at \$51,000, and he is scheduled to be arraigned July 10.

Varnell said the department received a call around 9:19 p.m. The victim reported he was using the pay phone outside of the Circle K when someone elbowed him in the back and demanded his wallet.

The victim told the alleged assailant he did not have a wallet, and the suspect then pulled a black automatic pistol, cocked it and pointed it at him, again demanding the wallet, Varnell said.

When the victim again told the suspect he did not have a wallet, the suspect pushed him into his truck, put the gun in the victim's face and told him he was not playing, Varnell said.

The victim began blowing the horn on his truck, and two of the victim's friends pulled up to the scene, Varnell said.

The suspect got out of the victim's truck, pointed his weapon at the pair, then ran off towards the Gulf Grove Apartments, Varnell said.

Thomas was found a short time later in the Herlihy Street area when he ran from Canine Officers Jerry Beaugez and Canine Brix, said Varnell.

Other officers involved in the chase included Bill Roessling, Mike Byrd, John Bordages, David Allen, Bert Courge and Howard Parker.

James Goss of the Waveland Police Department is handling the investigation.

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Preparing for 4th

The medians along Highway 90 in the Bay-Waveland area will display American flags once again this year courtesy of Herb and Patsy Dubuison, owners of Bay Shore Realty-ERA. Making preparation for the 400 or more flags are, from right, Mayor John Mason, Waveland; Mayor Eddie Favre, Bay St. Louis; Joey Manieri, Jane Ayers, Sessie Manieri, Shelly Monti, Keith Mitchell and Patsy Dubuison. (Echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas)

Drug busts net four arrests

BY RICHARD MEEK

Four people from Florida were arrested in two separate drug busts on Interstate 10 early Monday morning.

Crista Triplett, 34, and Patricia Fowler, 55, both of Marianna, Fla., were arrested at about 2:30 a.m. and charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, according to Hancock County Narcotics Task Force Director Jimmy Varnell.

Varnell said the vehicle was

stopped for a traffic violation by Deputy Tim Broder and Bay St. Louis officer Sgt. Paul Cox. Broder was assisted by the county K-9 Argo, and his handler, Deputy Jimmy Espisito. The canine located 50 pounds of marijuana and \$5,200 in the vehicle.

Fowler and Triplett are being held in the Hancock County Justice Facility on \$10,000 bond. Both have a July 8 court date.

Assisting in the arrest was

Brett Ladner of the NTF.

Carmen DeLaCorda and Alberto Aguirre, both of Bartow, Fla., were arrested near 3 a.m. and also charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, Varnell said.

He said Broder and Waveland Officer Mike Hearty stopped the vehicle in which DeLaCorda and Aguirre were traveling for traffic violations. The county canine located approximately 35 pounds of marijuana in the vehicle.

Both suspects are being held in the Hancock County Justice Facility on \$50,000 bond. Their court date has been set for July 8.

Assisting in the arrests were Abe Long, Jerry Beason of the sheriff's office and Corky Hoda of the NTF.

Park Commissioners meeting

The Hancock County Park & Recreation Commissioners meet on the second Wednesday of every month at 4:30 p.m. at McLeod Park.

Hope Haven benefit

BY ED LEPOMA

Volunteers are being sought to help out at a two-day Bob Marlee Reggae Festival scheduled this Saturday and Sunday at Point Cadet in Biloxi.

The festival will benefit Hope Haven, Hancock County's home for abused and neglected children, and the Gulf Coast's Women's Center.

Executive director Terry Latham says there's no charge for admission, but folks attending will be asked to donate from \$3 to \$5 in non-perishable foods. Latham says he needs persons on the festival fairgrounds to collect donations and others to transport the food back to Hancock County.

If you're interested in volunteering, call him at 467-7945.

The festival runs from noon until midnight Saturday, July 5 and from noon until 10 p.m. Sunday, July 6.

The celebration features live entertainment by dance troupes, jugglers, and poetry

Gaming meeting

On Monday, July 21, at 9 a.m. there will be a regular meeting of the Mississippi Gaming Commission for the purpose of discussing charitable gaming and gaming matters.

The meeting will be in the Stuart C. Irby Jr. Conference Room on the second floor of the Mississippi Gaming Commission offices, 202 East Pearl Street, Jackson.

Microsoft for Windows

The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Division of Continuing Education will offer a course designed to teach Microsoft Works for Windows.

The course will be taught at Gulf Park July 26, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Cost is \$79 per person.

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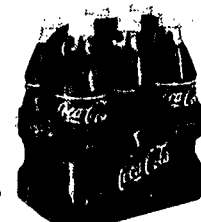


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CUEVAS QUOTES

By Ellis C. Cuevas

In case you tried to reach us on the telephone at The Echo early this week during office hours and it appeared that the phone was ringing and no one answered, it was because we did not receive the ringing.

Our telephone will work as usual, and one of the lines was not ringing in the office. It was not until someone in New Orleans sent us a fax Tuesday morning that we realized we were having line troubles.

It was really hard trying to contact someone from BellSouth as their repair service line was busy.

Then I found out that it was our system and not BellSouth's line, so I had to go back to AT&T.

I am hoping we will have the matter cleared in a day or two.

I began listening to prize fights on radio during the times of Joe Louis, Tony Zale, Rocky Marciano, Willie Pep, etc., and later to watching on television at the residence of Al Grass in the early 1950's.

I have heard and seen many odd things happening in boxing matches, but not anything like the *Biting Match* Monday night.

I have never heard or seen anyone stoop as low as Mike Tyson did in the ring, and he should never be allowed to continue as a fighter, period.

By the way, according to reports I have heard, Don King, who is never lost for words, sure cleared the area in a hurry, too.

Maybe he needs to go the same direction as Tyson, out.

We have so many things happening this weekend in the area, festivals, church fairs, fishing rodeo, fireworks displays, boat parades, street parades, etc.

This will mean an increase in the number of vehicles on our highways and roads.

Motorists need to give themselves a bit of extra time in driving, because it may take a bit longer to get some place.

The Our Lady of the Gulf annual Seafood Festival runs from Friday through Sunday on the church grounds, Beach Boulevard, Bay St. Louis.

The St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church Fair and Homecoming is set for Friday through Sunday.

The annual Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo begins on Thursday and goes through Sunday. The rodeo's headquarters is Rice Pavilion, Highway 90 at Highway 49, Gulfport.

Casino Magic will have a fireworks display at dusk tonight the west side of the casino in Bay St. Louis.

These are just a few of the many happenings in the area for the big July 4th weekend.

I hope that everyone will have a good and safe time.

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FROM THE SENATE

By Senator Trent Lott

Cherishing our liberty

This week, Americans will gather at famous places like the Statue of Liberty, and not-so-famous places like Beach Park in Pascagoula, to watch the Fourth of July fireworks, enjoy picnics, and spend time with family and friends.

While those are all wonderful parts of our Independence Day, I hope each and every American will take some time to contemplate the real reason for our celebration. Sometimes it is easy to just sit back, watch the fireworks display, and take this country's freedom for granted.

The great American clergyman Henry Ward Beecher summed up this country's unique nature by saying, "Liberty is the soul's right to breathe."

The American soul has always had the right to breathe. In fact, anything but liberty would seem strange to us. There are many countries in the world where liberty is far from the norm, though. Few in the world enjoy anywhere near the amount of liberty Americans have come to expect. In some ways that is good, but it can be very bad if we are not vigilant to ensure that our freedoms are not taken away by others or eroded away from within.

In the summer of 1776, our Founding Fathers thought enough of the concept of freedom that they were willing to lay down their lives to gain independence from England.

Many times since then, Americans have fought and died to preserve our special brand of freedom. I firmly believe today's Americans would gladly fight if another country threatened our freedom. However, I am somewhat more worried about what we are doing to ourselves, when it comes to limiting freedom.

In some ways, we are more free than ever. Certainly, movie-makers and television producers feel virtually unlimited freedom to portray all manners of perversion and deviancy.

Such "artistic" endeavors are routinely protected by our courts as freedom of speech. Some might consider that the price of liberty. But more and more often, it seems there is not nearly the same tolerance for religious freedom.

Efforts to allow prayer back

into our schools have been met with intense resistance. Recently, an Alabama judge was ordered to remove a replica of the Ten Commandments from his courtroom because it supposedly violated a constitutional separation of church and state.

Our Founding Fathers would be shocked to see how far restrictions on religion have gone, particularly when freedom of religion is one of the tenets upon which this country was founded.

Americans have gradually become tolerant of other infringements on their freedom by the government. Nothing represents that more graphically than the explosion of federal regulations which have come out of Washington over the past quarter century.

It seems there is a regulation for almost everything. Government regulates the air we breathe and the water we drink. While some of those regulations are necessary, others are clearly draconian efforts to legislate away risk, uncertainty and independence.

Another area where Americans have suffered a great loss of liberty is in their financial freedom. The drastic increase in taxes over the past 50 years has rendered the American Dream to just that — a dream for many and a reality for few.

For the first time in our history, Americans pay more in taxes than they spend on food, clothing and shelter combined. This kind of financial slavery is intolerable.

As you watch this year's July 4th fireworks, you can enjoy them more, knowing these intrusions of your freedom are being rolled back. This Congress is battling against religious injustice. We are implementing regulatory reform, and we are pushing a major tax cut that will allow all Americans to keep more of their money.

Freedom is much more important than government, therefore we must permit the American soul to have the liberty to breathe.

Senator Lott welcomes any questions and/or comments about this column. Please write to: Senator Trent Lott, 487 Russell Building, Washington, D.C. 20510 (Attention: Press Office).

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—Ellis Cuevas, publisher

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Humane Society director warns about pets in vehicles

To the Editor:

As the summer officially arrives and the weather heats up, the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) reminds readers that pets, like people, can suffer from the heat — especially when left in a parked car.

Like their owners, companion animals enjoy the opportunities warm weather provides for outdoor activities. However, the needless suffering, and occasional death, of an animal imprisoned in a car on a warm day is a tragedy that is entirely preventable.

On a hot and humid day, the temperature inside a car rises very quickly. On an 85-degree day, for example, the temperature inside a car with the windows open slightly will reach 102 degrees within 10 minutes. After 30 minutes, the temperature will reach 120 degrees. On warmer days, it will get even hotter.

A dog's normal body temperature is 101.5 to 102.2 degrees.

A dog can withstand a body temperature of 107 to 108 degrees for only a very short time before suffering irreparable brain damage, or even death.

Although many pet owners may not realize the danger of leaving their dogs in parked cars even for a few minutes, their ignorance may prove fatal. A brochure to educate others about the hazards of leaving pets in hot cars may be obtained from the HSUS.

It can be placed on a car, in store windows, or on bulletin boards. Please send a business size, self-addressed stamped envelope with your request for flyers to: "Hot Car," The HSUS Southeast Regional Office, 1624 Metropolitan Circle, Suite B, Tallahassee, FL 32308.

Sincerely,
Laura Bevan
Southeast Regional Director
The Humane Society of the United States

WASHINGTON REPORT

By State Senator Thad Cochran

Cochran introduces bill for new reading programs

Senator Thad Cochran introduced a bill to establish a panel of parents, scientists and educators who will study early reading research and make recommendations to the Congress about how to implement recent findings to improve reading instruction.

"Teaching children to read is the highest priority in education today," Cochran said. "I am pleased to introduce the Successful Reading Research and Instruction Act to help deal with the problems of teaching children to read by creating and implementing new teaching methods and reading programs based on research which has never before been used."

Cochran discussed the findings of a reading research study conducted by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) with the director, Dr. Duane Alexander, during a recent hearing of the Labor, HHS and Education Subcommittee on Appropriations.

The NICHD described research findings that proper teaching methods have a success rate of 90 percent and that reading readiness and poor

readers can be identified by simple assessments at the kindergarten level costing only \$10 per student. Under directives from the 1985 Health Research Extension Act, this research program has involved 2,500 children over a 12-year period.

"As a result of this research, techniques for early identification of those with reading problems and intervention strategies are now known, but these findings have not been passed on to administrators, teachers and parents," Cochran said.

"It is time we put all this information and experience together to ensure that our nation's children establish solid reading skills in order to meet life challenges in a confident and successful manner."

At an earlier hearing by his appropriations subcommittee, Cochran asked the Secretary of Education to use the research findings in the creation and implementation of the Department's reading initiatives.

At the Senator's request, the Department of Education and the National Institute have begun discussions about how best to use the results of the research.

Landfill

tax," said Fillingame. District Supervisor Tim Coward, who oversees supervisors on the three-member board, asked whether it could be determined in advance which sites are suitable or not suitable for landfill operations. Fillingame said the planning commission may be able to determine that before all three entities listen to proposals from would-be operators.

Fillingame's call for a public meeting is an apparent attempt to ward off fears from residents similar to protests that forced supervisors to abandon plans to open an already-permitted

landfill adjacent to the coastal highway in the Standard Community.

The District already has on hand proposals from two parties that own land in the buffer zone, and have expressed an interest in building and operating a landfill in Hancock County.

Last January, Curtis Johnson, who owns a 120-acre site permitted Class I rubbish site two miles northwest of Kiln off Fire Tower Road, proposed to increase his site to 600 acres and upgrade his permit so he can open a sanitary landfill. In early June, the District received another proposal from

Trans-American Waste of Mississippi now operates and manages the rubbish site at Standard, and has a 20-year contract to run a county landfill. It is also expected to be a player

in any new landfill developments.

The District voted unanimously to set a date and time for the public forum at its regular meeting, July 9. The suggested meeting place was the Civic Center on Longfellow Road.

The special meeting yesterday was mainly to consider bids regarding the future operations at the Standard Rubbish Site.

Although four firms picked up bid packets, only Trans-American, the present operator submitted a bid for managing and operating the rubbish site and a transfer station.

Trans-American said it would have to double its present \$5,000 a month charge to \$10,000 a month, and estimated a one-time cost of \$8,500 to build a transfer station where rubbish that can no longer be dumped at Standard would be sorted out, then shipped to a landfill.

Four firms also picked up bid packets to provide a 40-yard roll-off container to temporarily store the rubbish, and transfer it to a landfill. However, only two bids were submitted.

Boudin's Waste and Recycling Inc. was the apparent low bidder, with a monthly charge of \$90 for the container, and a bid of \$175 each time the load had to be hauled to a landfill.

The District accepted the low bids, but asked consultant Bill Johnson to determine whether they complied with the specifications.

The District is expected to let the contracts at their regular monthly meeting next week.

Coward also gave the District an update on negotiations with the Hancock County School Board on supervisors request to buy more Section 16 land adjacent to Standard for expansion of the present rubbish site.

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summer resort when a hotel and a few summer homes were added.

Crane Creek was a country community, located 10 miles southwest of Perkinston.

Fenton, established on a road which lead through the Jourdan River Swamp about four miles east of Kiln, was where river steamers anchored and unloaded their cargoes.

Flat Top, named for a little log house with a flat roof which served as church and school, was located about seven miles southeast of Nicholson.

Gainesville served as the county seat until 1853. Located about 10 miles north of Pearl River, it was named for Amrose Gaines who received a land grant in 1810.

Kiln was named for the kilns used by the original French settlers to burn charcoal. The charcoal burning was replaced by sawmills and the Hines Lumber Company built a 50 room hotel and a hospital. Kiln became the center of the moonshine industry during Prohibition.

Logtown, now part of Stennis Space Center, was situated ab-

out three miles north of Pearl River and had a population of 3,000. In 1930 its sawmill was alleged to be the largest in the world.

Napoleon, named for Napoleon's brother, was settled in 1798 and located six miles north of Pearl River.

Pearlington was named for the fresh water pearls found along the banks of the Pearl River. It was once called Little Jerusalem.

Santa Rosa was on the Mississippi side of Honey Island Swamp, Honey Island Swamp was a refuge for pirates, includ-

A Capitol Fourth

An exuberant 40th anniversary celebration of Leonard Bernstein's West Side Story forms the centerpiece of PBS' top-rated holiday concert this year when A Capitol Fourth (1997) airs on ETV Friday, July 4 at 9 p.m. and simulcast on PRM.

Joining the internationally renowned National Symphony Orchestra for the gala event are country music singers Kenny Rogers and Deana Carter, po-

ing Pierre Rameau, brother of Jean Lafitte.

Waveland was granted a charter as a municipality in 1888 and in 1893 the town hall was built.

(Editor's note: Information for the above article was obtained from the Hancock County Historical Society's newsletter, The Historian of Hancock County, April 1997. Historical Society President, Charles Gray, notes in that newsletter that much information was derived from Hometown Mississippi by James F. Brieger.)

pular music artists Jon Secada and Maria Conchita Alonso; Broadway and operatic performers Harolyn Blackwell and Jeremy Koch; flutist James Galway; and Irish composer/musician Phil Coulter — all under the direction of famed pops conductor Erich Kunzel.

The concert is performed on the grounds of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, DC. A holiday audience of more than 450,000 is expected to attend the gala.

Youth camp

It's not too late to register for Gulfside Assembly's Summer Elementary Youth Day Camp (950 South Beach Boulevard, Waveland, near Buccaneer State Park).

Camp runs June 30-July 18, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. for youth ages 6-12 and includes Bible study, recreation and weekly field trips. Lunch is also

provided. Mary Proby is director; Ida Carter, arts and crafts; Chakula Chajua, drama; and Dr. Warren Booker, director of music.

Transportation is available. Cost is \$49 for the entire session or \$25 per week.

Call 467-4909 for information or registration.

Smith first female graduate in music media

Jennifer Lee Smith, 29, of Bay St. Louis, was graduated from the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette, La. May 17 with a bachelor of music degree.

A consummate pianist, she is the first woman to graduate from USL's music media program, which requires not only accomplishment in musical performance, but also mastery of the latest in computerized composition, audio recording techniques and film scoring.

Smith has been accepted into the Daughters of St. Paul, and will move to the order's motherhouse in Boston in August. The Daughters of St. Paul, a Catholic missionary order, works primarily with the communications media in its ministry.

Smith is the daughter of Richard and Mary Margaret Smith of Bay St. Louis and has two sisters, Mrs. Martha Glasgow of Mesa, Ariz. and Anna-Marie Smith of Bay St. Louis, as well as two brothers, Dr. Russell D. Smith of Austin, Texas and Vincent Smith of Bay St. Louis.



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7:15 Mrs. Roy Jones School of Dance
8:30 (Band) THER HOUSE
9:00 Awarding Daily Prizes
12:00 Rodeo Closes

FRIDAY ♦ July 4th

9:00 Scales Open
10:00 (Band) CHUCK RYAN & COMPANY
11:30 Hula Hoop Contest (Kids)
4:00 (Band) DOBSON
5:30 Hula Hoop Contest (Adults)
8:00 (Band) MAGIC
9:00 FIREWORKS
9:30 Awarding Daily Prizes
10:00
12:00 Rodeo Closes

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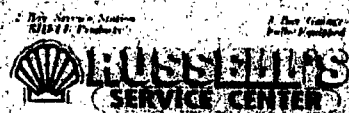
SATURDAY ♦ JULY 5th

9:00 Scales Open
11:00 Midway Opens
12:00 (Band) EDDIE MCDANIEL
2:00 Pin the Tail on the Fish
4:00 (Band) ISIS
5:30 Limbo Contest
8:00 (Band) OTIS DANIELS
9:00 Awarding Daily Prizes
10:00 Dance Contest, 50s to the 90s
12:00 Rodeo Closes

SUNDAY ♦ JULY 6th

9:00 Scales Open
11:00 Midway Opens
1:00 (Band) MAGIC (The Total Show Band)
2:30 Child's Cast Net Competition (0 to 12)
4:00 Adult Cast Net Competition
4:00 Scales Close
5:30 Band Finishes
6:30 Awarding Daily Prizes
7:00 Awarding Final Prizes
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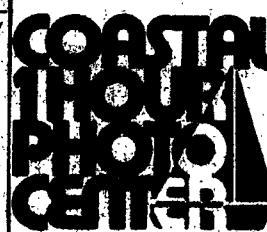
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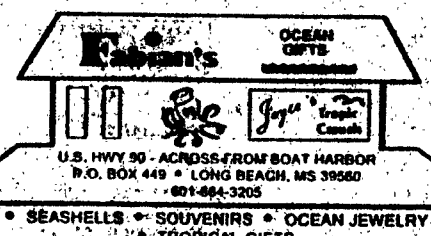
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The fireworks presentation will last for 20 minutes, after which Marcel Drums will perform for two shows, at 9 and 11:30 p.m. on the casino main lobby stage. Details: 1-800-5-MAGIC-5.

Flag Ceremony, 9 a.m., Friday, Bay Flag Memorial Monument, U.S. 90 at Drinkwater. American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Elks, Boy Scouts and Bay High JROTC will participate.

BILOXI

"I Love America," a patriotic program sponsored by Cedar Lake Assembly, 7 p.m., fireworks at 9 p.m.

Family Fun Day, 2 p.m., Friday, Town Green. Biloxi "I Love America" repeats at 7 p.m., fireworks at 9 p.m.

Biloxi's Annual Fireworks Show, 9 p.m., Friday, off the western tip of Deer Island. Best viewing is along the U.S. 90 beach from the Biloxi Lighthouse to Oak Street.

DIAMONDHEAD

Red, White and Blue Parade, 2 p.m., Saturday, Diamondhead Yacht Club Marina. Details: Jack Klein, 255-3297.

GULFPORT

Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo, 9 a.m. Thursday through midnight Sunday, Rice Pavilion, Gulfport. \$2 admission. Details: 863-2713.

Fourth of July Parade, 10 a.m. Friday, forms in Jones Park and proceeds north on U.S. 49 to Pass Road, where it turns east and then north before it ends near the intersection of Pass and 23rd Ave.

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Marcel Evans will perform 9 and 11:30 p.m. following fireworks display.

Gary Puckett will perform at 9 and 11:30 p.m. July 4 (not on July 3).

All entertainment will be free of charge and on the main lobby stage of the casino.

For information, call 1-800-5-MAGIC-5, ext. 4015.

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Helene Doxey of Waveland won Casino Magic Bay St. Louis' June promotion, Summer Fun Giveaway. Doxey drove home a Chevy truck and jet ski. The drawing was held Saturday, June 28.

MONEY MAGIC SCRATCH-OFF

July 1-31

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See Magic Money Players Club for details.

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At Casino Magic Bay St. Louis

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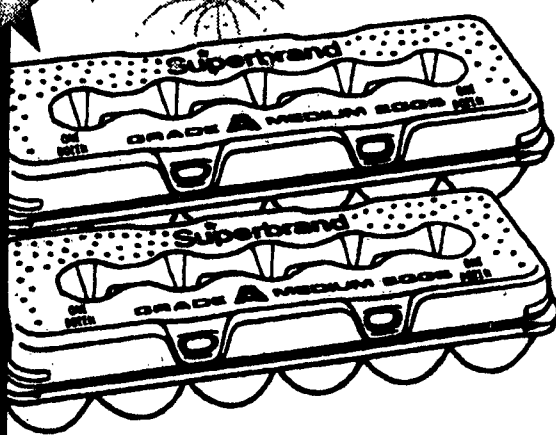
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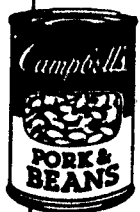
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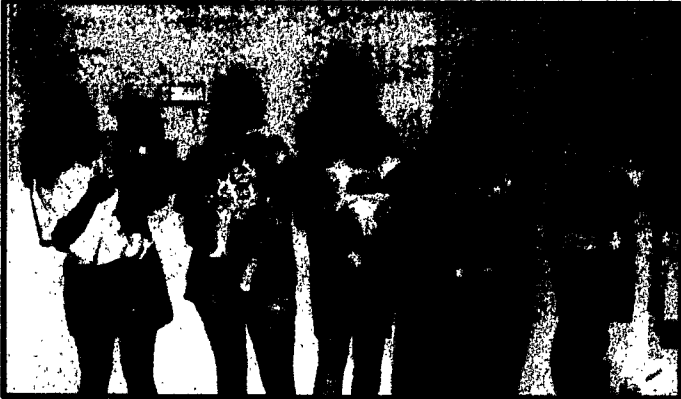
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Boys-birth to 11 months

From left: King and most photogenic-Cody Michael Butler and 1st place-Dylan Leon Anselmo Moore.



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One-year-old girls

From left: Queen Breanne Hust, 1st place-Ivy Victoria Ingram, 2nd place-Amie Erica Nugent, 3rd place and most photogenic-Breigh Chapetta.



One-year-old girls

From left: Queen Destany Nicole Thibault, 1st place and most photogenic-Morgan Alexandra Kowalski, 2nd place-Brittany Hust, 3rd place-Summer Maxwell.



One-year-old boys

From left: King Cody Counselman, 1st place and most photogenic-Johnny Longo, 2nd place-Ramsey Pierce Little, 3rd place-Joshua Haas.



Two-year-old girls

From left: Queen Shelby Matranga, 1st place-Jewel Ladner, 2nd place and most photogenic-Amber Wasson, 3rd place-Emma Shaw McRaney.



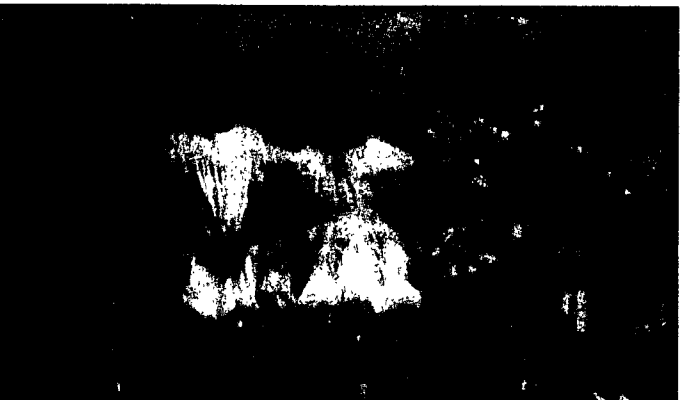
Two-year-old boys

From left: King Zachary LaFontaine, 1st place-Grant Tingstrom, 2nd place-Michael Oglesby, 3rd place-Kodi Delchea Guidry, Most photogenic-Taylor Bourgeois.



6-8-year-old girls

From left: Queen Hillary Thomas, 1st place-Ashley Parnell, 2nd place and most photogenic-Whitney Nicole Reed, 3rd place-Brittany Morrill.



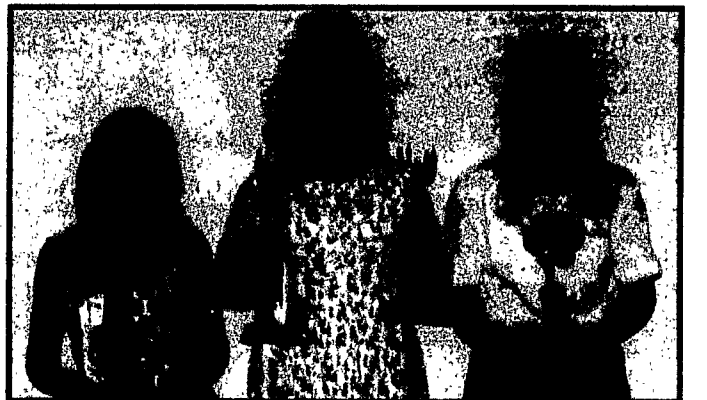
Three-year-old girls

From left: Queen Christy Parnell, 1st place-Lauren Zeigler, 2nd place-Kaitlyn Rose LaFontaine, 3rd place-Jeannie Garth, Most photogenic-Alysa Comfort.



Three and four-year-old boys

From left: King and most photogenic-Nicholas Shaw, 1st place-Curtis Phillip Colson IV, 2nd place-Keith Michael Reed, 3rd place-Jesse Smoot.



9-11-year-old girls

From left: Queen Samantha Matherne, 1st place and most photogenic-Taryn Green, 2nd place-Cassandra Ann Little.



12-14-year-old girls

From left: Queen Dee Young, 1st place-Rachel Ann Young, 2nd place and most photogenic-Betty Mable Matherne.



15-17-year-old girls

From left: Queen Tanya Mayne and 1st place and most photogenic-April Lynn Matherne.



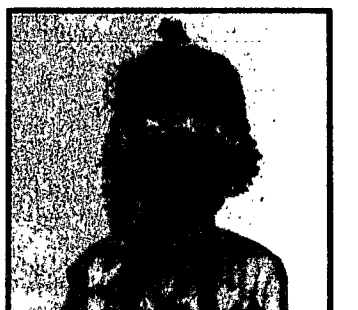
Four and five-year-old girls

From left: Queen and most photogenic Kristina Wheat, 1st place-Tess Richardson, 2nd place-Miranda Gay Little.

Five and six-year-old boys

King and most photogenic-David LaFontaine.

Echo staff photos by Kelly Blanchard



SPORTS

2B-THE SEA COAST ECHO—THURSDAY, JULY 3, 1997

Hawk tryouts

The Hancock High School baseball team will hold tryouts for the 1997-98 season Monday, July 7 at Hancock High School. Tryouts will begin at 6:30. To try out, students must have a current physical examination and proof of insurance coverage. Students in grades 9-12 are invited to attend. For information, contact Coach Andy Pernicelli at 255-4096, Coach Mark Logan at 467-4178, or Coach Michael Gaudin at 463-9239.

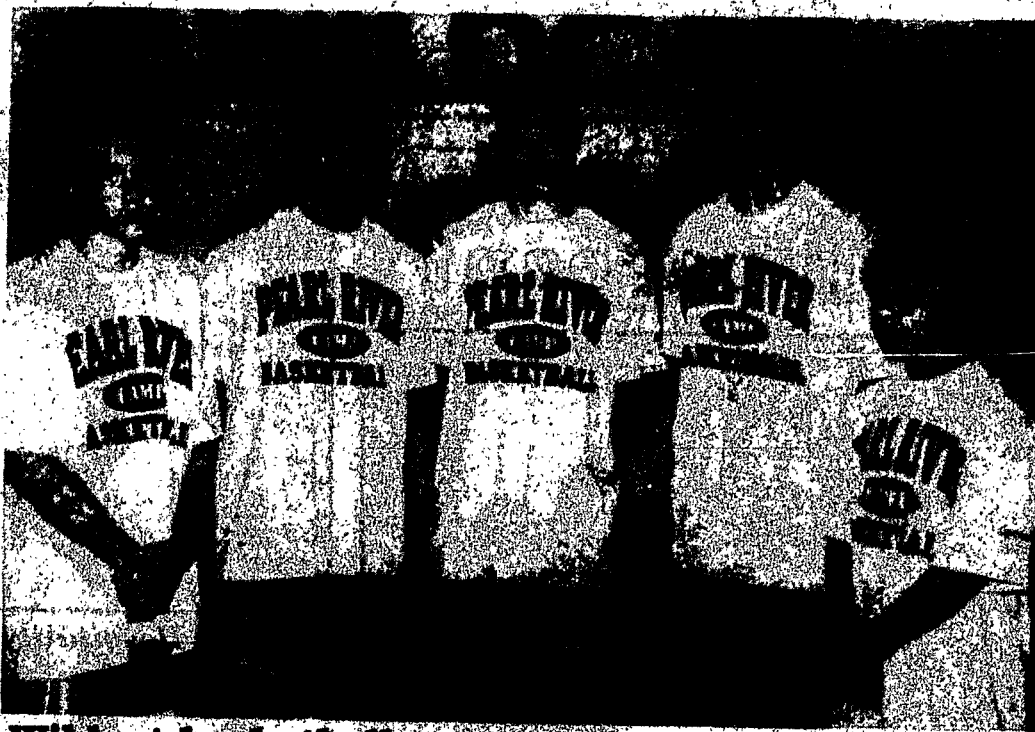
Pass Golf results

Pass Christian Isles Ladies Golf Association announces results:
First flight: first Sara Schexnaydra, second Pat Bartman, third Julie Hudson
Second flight: first Sharon Jann, second Ellie D'Antoni, third Mac Cromwell and Nancy Hanby
Third flight: first Doris Lackie, second Heather Thomas, third La Rue Lott.
Nine-hole: first Millie Shea, second Mary Jo Jones

Pass cheerleaders win awards

Pass Christian's 1997-98 varsity cheerleading squad won the Universal Cheerleaders Association Leadership Award, the highest award presented, at a UCA camp held at the Perkinson Campus of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College June 3-6.

In addition, both the varsity and junior varsity squads won superior trophies and spirit sticks during the event. The varsity Pirate cheerleaders are Amber Bradley and Chasty Dedeaux, co-captains; LaSonia Dedeaux, Hanna Pavolini, Kelly Pudwill, Misti Barnes, Monica Jaynes, LauRae Kynard, Stacy Bradley and Kerri Jones. The junior varsity Pirate cheerleaders are Brittany Touchstone and Sherrell Dedeaux, co-captains; Mitsy Pavolini, DiJazzmine Anderson, Andria Lizana and Krystle Madden. Cheerleader sponsor for 1997-98 is Leslie Leyser.



Wildcat basketball camp

These five basketball players from Hancock County participated in the 1997 Pearl River Community College Boys Basketball Camp held June 15-19 on the PRCC campus in Poplarville. PRCC men's coach Richard Mathis directed an impressive staff of area high school coaches and Wildcat players in instructing the participants in all phases of the game. Pictured are, from left, Greg Homer, Chase Cuevas, Brandon Ladner, Cory Cuevas and Daniels Spiers. (PRCC photo)

Times rescheduled for soccer tryouts

Tryouts for South Mississippi Soccer Club's U-11 and U-12 Division I teams will be July 17-18. Tryouts are open, and everyone is encouraged to attend. Tryouts will be in the evenings between 6-8 p.m. at the soccer fields on County Farm Road. To reach the fields take I-10 to exit 26. Exit north and go seven miles until you reach the lighted fields. Bring ball, shin guards and water. Age requirements: U-11: birth dates between

Aug. 1, 1986 and July 31, 1987 U-12: birth dates between Aug. 1 1985 and July 31, 1986 The coaches: Salamon Kidane: Swedish B License, Swedish Olympic Team, Swedish National Team, and professional player in English Premier League, Swedish First Division and East Coast Indoor Soccer League in the U.S. Mohammed Elalighe: USSF C License, semi-professional player and successful youth coach for over 10

years with district and state championship teams. For information call between 6-9 p.m.: Mohammed Elalighe: 831-2884 Tom Koger: 467-3763 Chris Johnston: 255-4783

Soccer tryouts set

Tryouts for Bay Area Youth Soccer U-14 select will be held at the Seminary Field in Bay St. Louis. Players born between Aug. 1, 1983 and July 31, 1985 are eligible to try out. The team will be coached by Brian Brooks and Thomas O'Brian. Tryouts will be held in three phases. Each player should attend all sessions in order to benefit from a full evaluation. Tryout dates are: Monday, July 7, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 8, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 9, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Registration will take place 20 minutes prior to tryouts. A

registration fee of \$40 will be due at that time. All players should bring a #5 ball, a water jug, shinguards and cleats. Anyone wishing more information may call 467-5321 or 467-9200.

Licenses available

Saltwater and freshwater recreational fishing licenses will be available at the Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo in Gulfport, according to officials with the Department of Marine Resources. The licenses will be on sale at Rice Pavilion from 7-10 a.m., July 3-5.

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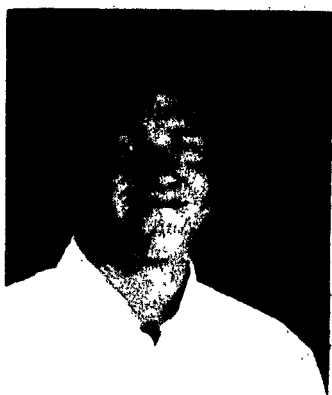
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Caston honored

Jon Caston has been selected to participate in the 1997 session of the Mississippi Governor's School. It is a residential honors program established in 1981 by Gov. William F. Winter at Mississippi University for Women and is designed to provide academic, creative and leadership experiences for a limited number of rising high school juniors and seniors who have demonstrated exceptional ability and achievement in their studies and who show high intellectual, creative and leadership potential. Caston is the son of Tony and Chris Caston of Kiln. He has just completed the 11th grade at Hancock High School.

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Schonewitz heads Late Model Sportsman at Sun Coast

Bubba Schonewitz made a clean sweep in the Late Model Sportsman class, winning both heat and feature races. Schonewitz was fast qualifier placing him on the pole starting position with Jamie Luzenberg alongside.

Luzenberg moved out to the lead in the early going with Schonewitz close on his bumper. Schonewitz was able to take advantage of a slip when Luzenberg got a little high coming out of turn two allowing Schonewitz to move by on the low side. This was all the help Schonewitz needed as he claimed his second feature win of the season. Luzenberg had no problem finishing in the second spot over Cliff Darby and Mitchell Williams. Vaughn Hanggi finished in the fifth position although he went off the track

during hot laps and rolled his race car. Fortunately, only the car suffered damage, which was mostly of a cosmetic nature.

Ronnie Roberts came out on top in the battle with friend and racing buddy, Keith Talley. Talley times in on the pole with Roberts starting alongside for the Pro Stock feature. The two ran side by side on the first lap before Roberts was able to move into the lead as they came back to the flag stand. Talley was able to apply the heat for the remainder of the race, but could not find an opening to take the lead from Roberts.

Heat winner Chet Morrison was also in the middle of things during the early going before settling for third over Mitch Williams and Randy Eaton. Jeremy Broadus also won one of

the earlier heat races.

Rodney Barber was another driver making a clean sweep in the Street Stock division as he won both heat and feature races in the Street Stock class. Barber continues to be the man to beat in the Street Stock division as he added yet another win to his list.

Mark Fritchett stayed close on Barber but was unable to step him from claiming a win. Noah Daspit finished in the third spot over Luther Fletcher and David Hough.

Kenny Allison also won both heat and feature races in the Four Cylinder Modified class. Kenny was able to hold off his brother David and Steven La-cost on his way to the win.

The Louisiana Super trucks were on hand as an added attraction. Terry St. Martin fin-

ished first in both heat and feature races.

Louie Morales III managed to run down Linwood Benoit with only a couple of laps remaining in the feature race to claim the second spot. Benoit held on to third over Larry Chamberlain and Jim Gassen.

The "Winged Outlaw" fuel injected sprint cars will be on hand for next Saturday night's program. Bicycle races will also be held for the kids, ages four-12.

Navy program successful

The National Marine Fisheries Service has determined that steps taken by the Navy to protect endangered species successfully reduce the likelihood that operations and training at sea will interfere with the survival of endangered marine animals.

Species benefiting from the Navy's actions include the northern right whale, the humpback and other large whales, and the hawksbill, Kemp's Ridley, loggerhead and green sea turtles.

The Navy relocated bombing and gunnery practice areas; moved high-speed operations away from critical habitats; restricted transits through habitats during calving season; posted additional lookouts on ships traveling through habitat areas at other times; and prohibited the use of sargassum (seaweed) rafts, which may attract young sea turtles, as targets for air-dropped ordnance.

The Navy also conducts numerous efforts to locate, track and report the movements of endangered migratory sea mammals like the northern right whale during their migration season.

The findings were published in the report of a year-long cooperative evaluation involving the National Marine Fisheries Service and its parent agency, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; the Navy; and the Marine Mammal Commission.

The Naval Research Laboratory at Stennis Space Center conducted endangered species studies to locate and identify porpoises, whales and dolphins in the Gulf of Mexico.

Information from these studies was used to create computer models to alert shipping traffic and commercial fishermen to the populated areas thus minimizing contact with threatened or endangered marine mammals.



Junior golf clinic

The Arnold Palmer Golf Academy located at The Bridges Golf Resort at Casino Magic, recently held its summer junior golf clinic for 12-17-year-old beginners. Over 50 students are taking part in the second summer junior golf program. Pictured are Brad Brewer, director of the Arnold Palmer Golf Academies Inc., along with Joel Jacobson, director of golf, head instructor Chris Henderson and associate instructor Aaron Jacobson. Registration is still available for 7-11-year-olds for the July 14-17 clinic and 12-17-year-olds intermediate and advanced clinic July 28-Aug. 1. For information and registration, call 466-8062.

Former heavyweight champ to box in Grand Theatre

Grand Casino Biloxi in association with Top Rank will present a full afternoon of live boxing Saturday, July 12 and Sunday, July 13.

Saturday's main event will feature undefeated heavyweight Kirk Johnson (22-0-0, 16 KO's) and Samson Po'uha (19-3-0, 17 KO's).

Sunday, former world heavyweight champion James "Buster" Douglas (35-5-1, 22 KO's) will take on Quinn Navarre (19-5-1, 14 KO's) from Slidell. Doors open at 1 p.m.; the first match begins at 2 p.m.

Douglas was the first man to beat Mike Tyson when he stopped the seemingly unbeatable heavyweight king in 11 rounds Feb. 11, 1990, in Tokyo. But Douglas retired after losing the heavyweight title to Evander Holyfield eight months later.

His weight ballooned from 250 to 400 pounds, sending him into a diabetic coma. After over-

coming his illness and losing weight, Douglas returned to the ring last summer. He said losing weight lured him back into the ring.

"In the process I started to feel alive again. So I just said, 'Let's try boxing again.'" Douglas plans to evaluate his comeback bid when the year is over.

Sunday's undercard will include WBA No. 5 rated Freddy Norwood, a junior featherweight from St. Louis, and 1996 Olympian Daniel Santos of Puerto Rico. Norwood calls himself "Lil Hagler" and has a shaven head, just like his boyhood hero Marvellous Marvin Hagler. Santos is tall, hits hard and reminds many of a young Thomas Hearns.

Kirk Johnson is a power puncher from North Preston, Canada. He is a former amateur national champion and Ring Magazine has tabbed him as one of the best young rising stars in the division. He will

face Samson Po'uha who also strikes with power. Po'uha is a second cousin to San Diego Charger football linebacker Junior Seau.

Additionally, Olympic bronze medalist Floyd Mayweather (super featherweight, 8-0), Eric Morel (flyweight, 8-0) and David Diaz (lightweight, 4-0) will be featured on Saturday's undercard.

Tickets are now on sale at the Biloxi Grand Theatre Box Office (601) 436-2804 or 1-800-WIN-2-WIN and at TicketMaster outlets. Ticket prices range from \$15 to \$45.

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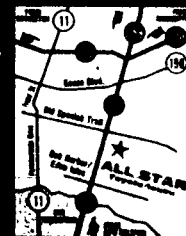
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